



## **Y3 Beech Class Newsletter Autumn 2020**

### **Welcome back!**

I would like to say a big 'Well Done' to all the children for coming back into school so brilliantly this term. It is so lovely to have them all together again. I know there were a few butterflies in tummies on the first couple of days, but everyone has settled really well and we're now used to our new routines.

### **Forest School**

Just a reminder that Forest School is on a Tuesday this term. Please ensure the children are suitably dressed as they will be outside for a couple of hours come rain or shine! Please send in a change of clothes if necessary.

### **Pencil Cases & Reading Books**

Please ensure that your child has a pencil case (preferably with coloured pencils, rather than felt tips pens) and a book from home that they can keep in their tray at school.

**Homework** I will send home a pack of spellings on a half-termly basis. There will be 8 spellings for the children to learn each week, and they will be tested on a Friday. There will also be topic-based homework now and again. Please also support your children with their times tables and daily reading. Remind them of the 'High 5' challenge- reading 5 times a week. They will receive certificates for every 25 reading signatures.

### **Curriculum**

#### **Topic**

Our first topic this term is called 'Tribal Tales'. This is based on Stone Age Britain and we will begin by learning about Stone Age art and draw comparisons between pre-historic Britain and the modern day. This is a history based topic, but will encompass elements of geography, art, science and design. Our Forest School activities will also tie in with the Stone Age topic.

After half term, our topic is called 'Rattle Those Bones'. This is a science based topic and will focus on the human anatomy specifically the skeleton.

#### **English**

For the first half of this term, we will be revisiting some of the key learning objectives from Year 2. This will help us to identify any significant gaps that need to be addressed before moving forward.

We will be learning about newspaper reports, play scripts and fictional tales.

#### **Maths**

We are focussing on the 3x table this term. In Y3, the children will be taught the 3, 4 and 8x table, so please feel free to support this as much as you can at home. In lessons, we will be focussing on addition and subtraction, looking at 3D shape, and subtraction by finding the difference.

#### **PE**

Our PE days are Tuesday and Wednesday. Until October half term, the Forest School session takes the place of a PE lesson, so Forest School clothes will be needed on a Tuesday and PE kit on a Wednesday. After half term, it will be PE kit Tuesday and Wednesday.

